GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL NORMS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether after mining of coal in Chhattisgarh State, the SECL undertakes the levelling of land and subsequent plantation;

(b) if so, the details of the areas in which plantation has been done;

(c) whether the Government has issued guidelines to the SECL regarding the compliance of the environmental protection rules;

(d) if so, whether the SECL management abides by these rules

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a): Yes, Sir. South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) operates opencast mines and it ensures that proper technical and biological reclamation is undertaken in such mines.

(b): The total biologically reclaimed dump area in respect of all opencast mines of SECL as on 31.03.2011 is 2883.60 Ha.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Do not arise in view of the answer given in Part (d) of this question.

(f): Does not arise in view of the answer given in Part (d) & (e) of this question